



**HARROGATE & DISTRICT
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**
Helping to protect over 10,000 homes

Paying for Drugs

Drug users spend around £1 billion a year on drugs and the majority of this is paid for by theft of all kinds including house burglary.

So what has it got to do with you? You are not a user, you do not go around breaking into other people's property. The police are there to catch drug dealers, pushers and all those associated with drugs.

The first objective of the police force is that all enforcement activity is to be intelligence driven which means they require as much information as they can get. It does not mean that you should get involved in any way but any information you may come across in your day to day activities which suggests that drugs are being used, sold or bought should be notified to the police. Give them as much information as you can without taking any undue risk.

The number you should call is 0845 60 60 24 7 or you can use Crimestoppers where you can give your information in complete confidence; their number is 0800 555111.

Remember, it is more likely that a drug user will burgle your house than a non drug user. You can be the eyes and ears of the police.

Lock Your Door

On at least two occasions in the past month, burglars obtained access to property through doors that were not locked. It is hard to believe that this practise of leaving doors open still exists but it does, despite the number of times we are told to lock doors and windows. Please ensure that your doors are locked even when you in the house. You should also be mindful of when you leave windows open

Come and Join Us

Did you know that over 10 million people are involved in Neighbourhood Watch across the UK and with 161,000 schemes covering some 6 million households, Neighbourhood Watch is recognised as the largest voluntary organisation in the country.

To find out more, see our new website at www.nwatchharrogate.org.uk

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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